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Sir:

I, Kaushal Kurapati, hereby declare that:

1. I am the Applicant of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/666,630 filed September 20, 2003 ("the Application").

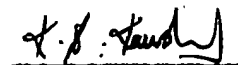
2. U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093792 A1 entitled "Method and Apparatus For Delivering Television Programs And Targeted De-Coupled Advertising" to Labeeb et al., (hereinafter "Labeeb") has been identified by the Examiner in an Office Action dated August 14, 2003 as a basis for rejecting pending Claims 1-32 in the Application. Labeeb was filed on June 27, 2001 and is based on U.S. Provisional Applications 60/215,450 filed on June 30, 2000 and 60/226,437 filed on August 18, 2000.

3. The invention disclosed and claimed in the Application was completed in the United States, by me, and under my direct supervision and control prior to the earliest filing of the Labeeb reference, i.e., June 30, 2000.

4. As evidence of the completion of the above invention prior to the critical date of Labeeb, annexed hereto is Exhibit A. Exhibit A consists of a copy of a "Disclosure of Invention" document, dated prior to June 30, 2000, which was prepared based upon the invention in the Application. Dates have been redacted in preparation of this Exhibit.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Nov. 4, 2003



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